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Earl of Buckinghamshire,

BARON of Blickling in the County of Norfolk, One of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber to His Majesty, and One of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council.

My LORD,

Nobile TY and elevated Rank in Life never recommend themselves more to the Notice and Esteem of the World, than when they concur to yield Protection to Works calculated for general Utility; and among those more immediately so formed, I presume an approved Method for teaching expeditionsly the noble Art of Short-Hand Writing, may be allowed to claim no inconsiderable Share of the Public Regard.

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The Honour your Lordship has done me, in permitting me to prefix your rel-pectable Name to this New and Improved Edition of my Brachygraphy, effectually anticipates all further Recommendations of it. Indeed, I always thought Self-Boasting a very infusficient Testimony of the superior Excellence of any Performance; therefore, whatever Degrees of Merit other Attempts of this Nature may be thought to posses, it abundantly contents me, that I am so happy as to be favoured with your Lordship's Patronage of the following Work,

That your Lordship may long live an Honour to your Country, and your Memory to latest Time be truly honour'd by it, is, my LORD, the unfeigned Wish of,

Your Lordship's most dutiful, and Obedient bumble Servant,

THOMAS GURNEY.

To the Reader

handwriting First to take a Spark, or Sormon verbation, as a flekron talks in common and Secondly, to read it again with lase, at

my Distance of Time Many attempts have been made to assist Mankind in this art, & great advancements made by improving upon former Authors. Nevertheles, the Nature of the Case being such some Difficulties have hitherto attended all, & I find the Humber of flexions very few who can write & read as before mentiond. The first Step to such is a well chosen alphabet he more simple the better; so that the letters be distinguishable, & that those most us'd we of that Nort which will easily joyn upon Occasion, as the letters Lminition s. ca and as the Vowels are of eminent lise proper flaces is of great advantage aut still these not being sufficient without alling in the Ofsistance of arbitrary Chaactors, such as frepositions, & torminations which will be of great use in shortning long Vords, but care should be taken here in not rowding too much upon the Memory, y his Sort is multiply d to a great name er, it will render the Alphabet of less use, nd perplan the artist in Reading what himself has wrote. Those with y know age of the 20 shoroning Rules that follow ill so far compleat a Scholar, that he nay venture upontaking a speech, as if

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is snoken. But to be more particular to each table in its Jurn .. This is improved upon the ingenious M. Majons & Book calld (La Plume volante which without Disparagment to our mo dern authors) Think I may say is not inferiour to any Book of Short hand extant before this Improvement. In the first place let the alphabet be got well in Memory, so that it be wrote with lase 3 or 4 times over in a Minute without a Sight of the Copy. 2. Column is only a specimen of joyning the Letters & needs no Coplanation. the 3d on the same page, will be of much lise to the Artist, as many long words are wrote thereby without taking off the Den. Page the 12 the Symbolical Improvment will be soon understood, such Characters require but little trouble to be got in Memory & there is no Room to doubt but they will be read again at first Sight. Page 12 you see in what place each Vowel is to be put a f. e equal to the top . 15 y in the? middle, a fix at the bottom & Vowel is represented by a Dot, or the next sounding Letter in the? place of the Dot, Where ever you meet with the word laample it is not of that Nature with other Parts of the Book to be got in Memory, it being only a Praxes on the foregoing so that the Learner need not surprize himself wan inagination that he has much to get in memory when he turns over the Book . Pages4 instead of 64 Prepositions & Termi nations I have here reduced them to 34, which must be well got in Memory, being arbitrary & independ of the Alphabet, the Use of wich

will be seen in a small Specimen on the next Rage. V. The 20 Shortning Rules it & Tages are what 9 reduced from 42 in my Author called terminative rte Rules of Contraction, there is a short Specimen of each, which I think the Reader cannot fail to under stand, The first & gth Rules seem at first View to be too much alike; but observeity is a Dot above to the right Hand the other to the Left; but there will be little or no Difficulty in the Reading if it is not so strictly observed, as to the 20th Rule there is on the first Line on the 3d Column 6-9 for the lapla nation of which see LUKEXXIII the Contents of the Chapter 1-7 1/21-17-11 17. 11-18 21131. 10-46 514 # 46 - 1011 1 W. Thyes from the 1to the 7th Jasus is accused before pilate from the 7th to the 11th sent to Herod from the 11th to the 18th mocked & sent back to pilate. re. from the 18 to the 46th delivered to be crucified from the 46 to the end of the Chapter his Death & Burial ry So likewise may be expressed ! * the former part of the Text * the middle Clause of the Fext rel the latter part of the Text and also the beginning of the Chapter ted is the middle of the Chapter is the latter ind of the Chapter. As for the Tables of Pensons Moods & Tenses they are only aftraxis upon the Alphabet & arbitrary VY Characters there, & nothing of Difficulty will hat arese in attaining to the Knowledge of writing an them . In the so Sage observe the Character. for the Remon in the first Colymn, I . thou . . he . Ike ko" the Rest of the Sentence that reads no up the leaf is to be read in with the person ch which stands equal to the Short hand, it begins I may be thou mayest be, he may be . She

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may be wemay be go a so for all others, to the negative not, Plage 23these will be found of great advantage in the art where Sentences of this: Fort which are very frequent may bewrite as quick as spoken with Case. Sageraof more Symbolical Characters, they being so natural & lasy that 2 or 3 Times looking over y will be sufficient for the Knowledge of each: Spelling in Short hand is towrite those Letters only with found Words such as It sfxn & for Satisfaction plinten for pleasant fintin & for Fountain omndfi & for Commendation phlofn & for Publication &c. but what I mean by deficient Writing as on this Page is towntesome Word shorter than these, such as are there in the? Last Columns and the artist who has any Quickness of Hand will need to make use of but few of this Sort if any.

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the End .

Let the learner get in Memory each Table in the Order as they are placed, and practicely providing some lerfon to read to him about an Hour a Day, he will find by the Clock how he advances in Willing this or the other Chapter thus by giving the Reader proper Signals when too fast, or too slow, to keep just before the Men, Two Dersons or more may find to the greatest Exactness which fadvances most in the Ort.

To the AUTHOR.

On his Book of SHORT-WRITING.

Culpantur frustra calami. Hor.

By Intuition is the Seraph taught
To read the mind, and interchange the thought?
Does on his breast the living language lie,
And quick ideas circle at the eye?

Nor has mankind an art unequal found:
And taught the eye to catch the letter'd found:
While thus the dumb exulting tell their care,
And deasness sees the sounds he cannot hear.

But slow the speaking hand till Gurney sprung,
And form'd the singer rival to the tongue.

Tale-licens'd travellers are wont to boast
Amazing converse in the realms of frost;
Lips move unheard, each sound in ice entomb'd,
Stagnate his current and his wing benumb'd,
Slumbers inactive, till a warmer sky
Unbinds the glebe, and bid the accents fly—
Thus Gurney's arts the fleeting word congeal
And stay the wanderer to repeat his tale,
When the quick eye-ball thaws the letter'd plain,
Calls out the sound, and wakes the dormant strain.

Taught by thy rules, while panting hearts indite, Obedient hands with equal ardour write; And distant friends rejoicing know to speak, Wrapt in a sheet, the converse of a week: Go further, Gurney, and thy wond'rous toil Shall print the sigh, and imitate the smile. Whate'er the tongue or trembling string commands, Shall live obedient to the ecchoing hands, Each air and grace the saithful letter bring, If Silvia lisp, or soft Amelia sing.

Cambridge, St. John's, May 14, 2751.

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To the AUTHOR, &c.

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Hor.

THE nice-wrought acorn (fay the learn'd) contains
The oak's vast branches in its little veins!
Each leaf distinct, and ev'ry fibre-line
Mark'd unentangled on the small defign:
Nor less the wonders of the pygmy scene,
That live the miniature of Gurney's pen.

Yon spacious landscape of the painted mead, The winding flood, and mountain clad in shade, The gem-set concave of the midnight pole, Where wand'ring worlds in wild confusion roll, Fair, as we gaze, and undiforder'd lie, Plan'd on the little tablet of the eye.

Thus Gurney's art contracts the mighty plan,
And finks th' immense of science to a span.
Lo! here a line confines a Tully's rage,
Or Livy's empire stretches half a page;
Poetic fires in narrow limits dwell,
And learned oceans slumber in a shell.

Had earlier ages, happy as our own,
Ingenious friend, thy flying finger known;
If pages then beneath thy dash had sprung,
Th' unfinish'd sounds still trembling on the tongue,
O'er pregnant sheets the quick ideas spread,
As show'ry drops imprint the dusty mead;
Now pale-ey'd scribes had watch'd their midnight oil
O'er the slow progress of their folio—toil;
Nor lab'ring science would have sought redress
From the nice structure of th' immortal press.

Feb. 2, 1752.

C. H

To the AUTHOR, &c.

Nondum lingua filet; dextra perigit opus. Mart.

IN less enlighten'd ages hadst thou liv'd, Gurney, thine art had witchcrast been believ'd; With doubtful fear they'd view'd the strange design, And thought inchantment dwelt in ev'ry line.

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To learn the science of politer lands,
Admiring thought European faw the sounds,
And painted accents o'er the spotted grounds.
Had he then seen thy magic lines appear,
The tardy words still tingling in his ear;
Pluck'd from the wing of time, thy pens exceed
(Amaz'd he'd cry'd) their sleeting sire in speed.

Labours of ages, fuch, thine art we view Intire, and yet epitomiz'd by you.
Tedious the folio; but the little plan In expedition qualifies the man.
Gurney, for ever bloom thy generous praise, And wear unrival'd the compendious bays.

Dec. 13, 1751.

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H. B.

To the AUTHOR.

IN vain the poet taught th' unletter'd age:
Committed to his memory, the page
Imperfect hung: His feeble mind convey'd
Fictitious numbers, subjects unarray'd;
Till time the tedious midnight volumes fill'd,
That to superior Gurney's art must yield.

Quick flies the pen to actuate the thought; Catches the accent in the instant wrought;

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Displays it to the eye; then feeds the sense On wit and beauty; in the vast expanse Unlimited the fond conceptions find, That swell the thought, and captivate the mind.

In this short page he scorns the vulgar rules, And mounts above the limits of the schools. On Pegasean wings aloft he sles; Secrets explor'd from hidden nature tries; Where time anticipated bounds the scene, Fill'd with the swifter progress of his pen.

Such is thine art, and fuch the grand defign! Figures make fense, and bid th' idea shine. In copious excellence, th' abstracted sound, Lives without letters, and in words abound.

The universal register of same
Shall six in record gen'rous Gurney's name.
Improv'd mankind shall join the great applause,
And noblest numbers own the noblest cause.

Sept. 17, 1751.

W. B

N.B. If any difficulty should arise, direct to JOSEPH GURNEY, Son and Successor to the Author, Bookseller in Holborn, opposite Hatton-Street, mentioning the No. of the Book, and such shall be duly answered.

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To the Learner

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THE following Pages, which refer to the two engrav'd Pages, folio 37 and 38, are intended for the Learner, after he has attained a tolerable Knowledge of the Theory of the Art, (and not before) to affift and

expedite him, in practifing after a Speaker, &c.

It may be observed, there are but 8 capital Strokes, that can be made with a Pen, to be well distinguished from each other, which are 4 strait and 4 curves: The first four are the Letters d, t, s, n; the others c, l, p, m; which four last, put together, compose a Circle. As the Letters a, s, stand in one and the same Position, and the Letters c, k, are the same, these make to Letters. In order to make up the whole Alphabet, it is absolutely necessary, that some of these principle Strokes should be blended with each other; as for instance, the Letter b is Part of the Letters a and t; the Letter e is Part of d and a; the Letter f Part of m and l; the Letter g Part of c and t; the Letter b is a compound Character of t, n; as the w is of a, d, &c.

Here are three Letters which stand in one and the fame Position, namely a, s, z; the two latter having much the same sound, need little or no Distinction, and it is sufficient that the z is made a little larger than

the other.

As for a and s, the Letters succeeding will always discover its proper name, as one ends at the Top, and the other at the Bottom, and that the Letter a is ne-

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ver wrote but at the Beginning of a Word; such as am, at, ask, application, appellation, all, assent, action, attribute, &c. Which, it being a Vowel, is represented elsewhere by a Dot in its Place, as Page the 13th. Here the succeeding Letter begins where that ends at the Top; but where the Letter s is used, the succeeding Letter will appear at the Bottom, as supplication, splendor, sparrows, smart, smith, swallow, slaughter, &c. Note, where the Letter t immediately follows, use the round Character, as in strong, stomach, storm, streight, seeward, &c.

The so, which stands for the Person she, is never used to begin a Word, but will naturally join after d, l, r,

a, or any Confonant, as a Termination.

II. In practifing on the Consonants only, where they will join, so as not to take off the Pen, to express the Vowels, such as aggressor, bespeak, spinster, complain, compare, dishonour, complication, application, addition, comfort, consideration, declare, dispute, consolation, specimen, dissemble, qualification, assent, consent, deplore, &c. for which turn to Page 37, Column the first.

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Thus the Confonants will naturally join to write any Words, where there is no need to found the except the Letter x, then the Pen must be taken in Oxfordsbire, exalt, examine, express, excuse, excuse,

explain, next, perplex'd, expose, &c.

And as ck and ct are fignified by a Touch behind the last Consonant; the tollowing may suffice for example, direction, pinnicle, article, bookfeller, miracle, tackle, stocking, Octover, almanach, patrick. See Column the second, on the same Page.

III. In practifing on the Alphabet and arbitrary Characters, and shortening Rules, without taking off the Pen, to express Vowels, &c. as in handkerchief, disbelieve, according, alphabet, subjecting, full-pot, pot-full, Charing-cross, disputable, spectacles, infinite, demonstrable, manyfold, expectation, charitable, usefulness, commendable, immutable, tribulation, subordination. See Column the third.

IV. Example with the Vowels, &c. Mountain, maintain, transitory, sabbath, orrery, non-entity, London, Maidstone, window, chappel, chimney, plenty, presuppose, Charter-house, round-house, South-sea, statute, crab, cannot tell, attribute. See Column the fourth.

Here it may be feen, that Words founded by the fame Consonants, may be easily distinguished by varying into the Vowel's Places, as in the two first, the Consonants mntn are only put down, so likewise the Words lamb and limb, wrath, Ruth, match, much.

In some Words, the varying into the Vowel's Place, will not distinguish, as for element and lament, the Confonants lmnt will do for either, and the a and e have one and the same Place; but then the Sense will appear in the reading at first sight, whenever it shall appear.

V. There are two Characters for the Letter u; no need to call one Consonant the other Vowel; they being of two Sorts only, for Conveniency in joining: The personal you is only used when the Letter n immediately sollows, as in given, raven, leaven, cloven, &c. The other when the Letter d succeeds, so, as if required, to

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form it inflantaneously into the Termination ved as fave or faved, love or loved, move or moved, rove or roved, showe or showed, crave or craved. See Column the fifth.

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VI. There are two Characters for the Letter s, in order for expedition, the round one being never used at the End of a Word, nor to begin, un'ess where the Letter r immediately follows, as in stranger, stubborn, &c. It will naturally join to any Consonant where necessary, and is of great Advantage in writing abundance of Words, for Instance, (See Column the fifth) infult, institution, distribution, consultation, mistrust, resolution.

The Termination ing will easily be known from the Letter s, as it generally falls at the End of a Word; in some long Words it does not, as in Islington, warmingpan, &c.

VII. The Words as, is, and us, are fignified by the final s, in the Place of the Vowel foregoing, so the first stands high, the second direct in the Line, the third in the Place of u.

The Words of and the are fignified by a Dot for each, but, in general, they will be understood without writing them at all, where they will naturally join, as Glory of God, Glory of Heaven, Glory of the Lord, Spirit of Christ, Word of the Lord, Word of God, Grace of God, Doctrine of Devils.

I have kept as close to the Alphabet as possible, and doubt not but Practice will soon render the Artist capable to take a Speech or Sermon as spoken; but if any Dissible thould be met with in writing after a very quick Speaker, I would recommend that of writing some few Words descient, rather than to perplex the Memory with too many arbitrary Characters, as may be seen by Column the sixth.

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Writ of Error Glorification Transgression
Condemnation Evangelist Interpretation

Many of my Scholars, who have been capable of writing with Ease after a common Speaker, I have found to be not very exact in placing the Persons, Moods, and Tenses, with the Particles, &c. according to Art: but I would advise all to be as curious in them as p slible, and they will find their Account in so doing, (it being the Beauty of the Art) and so natural and easy, that whoever is capable of learning the Alphabet, need not doubt of attaining it. The Pages 19, 20, 21, and 22, will put this beyond all Doubt.

For further Light herein, I have added Page 38 in this Edition, which the Artist is desired to compare with what follows; the four Pages mentioned being all Positives, by the adding must, canst, did, shall or should, wald, may, had, would, let, &c. before the Person, it is

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they not see, Could it not be.

I could not have had, Thou couldst not have heen, He could not have said, She could not have done, We could not have made, Ye could not have known, You could not have heard, They might not have come, It had not been missed.

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others, yet the Words are wrote the fame.

In Order for Expedition, I would advise the Use of a hard nibb'd Pen. When a Council quotes an Author or Statute, where he reads, take down the solio, and leave an Opening, which may be filled up at your Leisure; so the same if a Divine reads a sassage in Scripture, take Chap. and Ver. and supply that at your Leisure. If a Sentence is spoken incorned, and again repeated, that which is to be neplected draw a Stroke through it, if a single Word a requires blotting out, draw two Strokes (as =) through it, then it can't signify any Word in Short-sland.

In Page 36, I have added an Epitome of an Index to a Common-place Book, according to Mr. Locke's Method, which may be put on two Pages at the

Thing you have thought worthy of a Place there may be found. For Instance, in my Common-place Book, Page 60, I have remark'd something from an ingenious Author, on Space; in my Index, in the Compartment belonging to S, on the Line belonging to a, the first Vowel in the Word Space, I put 60, the Page where to find it. In Page 16, I have a Poem on Creation, which I find by putting 16 on the Line of e in C, e being the first Vowel in Creation, &c.

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William Chinnery, Junior, Writing Master and Accomptant, in Gough-Square, who for his own private Use has wrote in this Method the Book of Pialms, and the New Testament. (Vid Page 35.)

Thomas Harper, Writing-Master and Accomptant, at Croydon, Surry.

Isaac Harmon, Clerk to Thomas Watson, Esq; Lambeth. (Vide Page 32.)

John Fenwick, Writing-Master and Accomptant, in Marsham-Street, Westminster.

Prederick Miller, Page to his Royal Highness Prince Henry, Duke of Cumberland. (Vide Page 28)

Josiah Lewis, late of Tooley-Street, now at Smarden, near Biddenden, in Kent, who has wrote the New Testament stament in this Method in 100 Hours, the Book of Psalms in 30 Hours, and the Books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastics, and Solomon's Song in 24 Hours, all which the Curious may freely inspect. (Vide Page 35.)

John Payne, Bookseller, at the Feathers, Paternoster. Row, (Vide Page 29)

Henry Fenwick, Printer, Stanhope-Street, Clare Market.

John Bourne, at Mr. Fearon's, Clements-Lane, Lombard-Street.

Joseph Bedder, Bafing-Lane.

Mark Warkup, Junior, at the War-Office, Woolwich.

Joseph Russel, Cooper, Kent-Street, Southwark.

Lawrence Pitt, Book-keeper, at the George-Inn, Snow-Hill.

Isaac Padman, at the Bank of England.

Thomas Marsom, at Mr. Hammond's, near King Edward's Stairs.

John Marsom, Shoemaker, Petticoat-Lane.

Thomas Wells, Chafer, Cock-Court, St. Martin's le Grand.

Barnard Bayley, Watch-Maker, in Plummer's-Court, near the Vine-Tavern, Holborn.

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